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WHAT'S THE DEAL? WE SAW A BRIGHT FLASH OF LIGHT AND--huh?!
AMY ROSE --IS THAT REALLY YOU?!
NONE OTHER!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in If Wishes were Acorns
"WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO YOU?"

I HELD ON TO THE RING AND WISHED WITH ALL MY HEART TO SOMEHOW BE OLDER ...FASTER![1]
WHY IN ZEE PLANET WOULD YOU WANT TO BE WANTING SUCH A THING, MON AMIE, AMY?
DON'TCHA MEAN WHY IN THE WORLD, ANTOINE?
ZAT WILL DO NICELY.
YEAH, AMY-- WHY?
WELL, I KINDA FIGURED I'D BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE MISSION AND TRAVEL TO THE HIDDEN CITY...
...IF EVERYONE THOUGHT I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO DO IT!
JUST 'CAUSE YOU'VE AGED A LITTLE DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE SUDDENLY MATURE ENOUGH TO GO FREEDOM FIGHTING WITH US!
BESIDES...WHO KNOWS IF THE ENERGY YOU'VE ABSORBED FROM THE RING IS GONNA WEAR OFF AFTER A WHILE?
AND THAT, SONIC, IS PRECISELY THE REASON WHY I WOULD LIKE AMY TO ACCOMPANY US--
--I DON'T WANT HER TO REVERT BEFORE I'VE HAD THE PROPER CHANCE TO EXAMINE HER!
COOL BEANS...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE RING OF ACORNS? ARE THERE ANY MORE WISHES LEFT?
NO...I'M AFRAID THEY'RE ALL USED UP.



LATER AT THE MED-LAB WHERE QUEEN ALICIA LAYS IN CRYOGENIC SLUMBER...
MOM? I'M NOT CERTAIN IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HEAR ME BUT I SURE HOPE YOU CAN.
I'M TAKING A SHORT JOURNEY --NOTHING AS DRAMATIC AS OUTER SPACE ON THIS OCCASION THOUGH...[2]
...AND THIS TIME, DADDY HAS ACTUALLY GIVEN ME PERMISSION, SO THAT'S A PLUS RIGHT THERE.
I JUST WANTED TO SAY GOOD-BYE, AND LET YOU KNOW THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE ONLY COME BACK INTO MY LIFE ONLY RECENTLY...
I LOVE U 4 EVER
RIGHT OUTSIDE OF SONIC'S HOME ELSE-WHERE IN KNOTHOLE...
HAVE A SAFE TRIP, SON.
I WILL...
AND PLEASE-PLEASEPLEASE DON'T EAT TOO MANY CHILI-DOGS...
I WON'T...
ALL RIGHT THEN, LET'S HAVE A BIG HUG GOOD-BYE.
I CAN'T.


WHY NOT, SONIC?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHAT'S WRONG WITH--
I THINK I MAY HAVE FIGURED IT OUT, JULES.
ME TOO, BERNADETTE.
IT'S OKAY, SON... I KNOW THE LAST TIME THAT YOU SAID GOOD-BYE, YOUR MOTHER AND I WERE WITH YOUR UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI... 3
...AND WHEN YOU CAME BACK HOME, WE WERE GONE... 4
BUT DON'T YOU WORRY THAT SPINEY HEAD OF YOURS.
WE'LL DEFINITELY BE HERE WHEN YOU RETURN--THAT'S A PROMISE.
WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW, MINA GIRL? THE SOFTER SIDE OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG... I'M SURPRISED TO SEE HE HAS ONE.
HI, THERE...
...AND BYE THERE, I GUESS!

MEANWHILE...
TELL US MORE, NATE!
WELL, THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS IS PRETTY MUCH AN INDUSTRIALIZED SOCIETY...
...COMPLETELY IN-HABITED BY FIVE-FINGERED OVERLANDERS, NOT FOUR, AS IS THE USUAL CASE ON MOBIUS!
FIVE FINGERS--JUST LIKE SONIC AND ME?
I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE, BUT THAT'S JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG...
SONIC'S HERE!
YAAAY!
ARE WE READY TO JUICE OR WHAT?
ARE WE EVER!
GOOD-BYE, DAD! FAREWELL, ELIAS! SEE YOU BOTH REAL SOON!
HIDDEN CITY, HERE WE COME!
C'MON TAILS, LET'S SEE WHAT THIS PLANE YOU AND NATE BUILT CAN REALLY DO!
WITH WHAT'S LEFT OF THE SUPER EMERALD AS ITS POWER SOURCE, "THE TORNADO" CAN DO ALOT!
"DO NOT DESPAIR, MY SON--THERE WAS NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE POSSIBLY FORE-SEEN AMY'S ACTIONS."
PERHAPS THE QUEEN'S RESTORATION REQUIRES MORE THAN A SIMPLE WISH.
IT DOES--AND I'LL RISK EVERYTHING TO SEE THAT MOTHER GETS WHATEVER IT IS SHE NEEDS TO GET BETTER!


HOURS LATER...
SONIC... TAILS... DO YOU READ ME?
IT'S NATE-- HE'S RADIOING US FROM THE FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIAL!
WE HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR!
WHAT'S UP?
IT SHOULD BE DIRECTLY AHEAD OF US... THROUGH THAT DENSE BANK OF CLOUDS...
WHADDAYA--
SONIC-- LOOK!
YE-OW! WHAT ON MOBIUS IS THAT?!
IT IS MY THEORY THAT THE CRASHED AIR-CRAFT IMBEDDED IN THAT MOUNTAINSIDE...
...ORIGINALLY TRANSPORTED THE HIDDEN CITY'S INHABITANTS TO THIS LOCALE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAYS OF FURY...
...AT A TIME BEFORE MOBIANS & OVERLANDERS RULED THE PLANET.

STRANDED AS THEY WERE, THOSE ANCESTRAL OVERLANDERS SOUGHT SAFETY INSIDE THIS NEWLY-CREATED FISSURE.
LITTLE DID THEY SUSPECT THAT THEY HAD DISCOVERED THIS SECRET ENTRANCE-WAY...
...ONE THAT BECOMES MORE AND MORE NARROW THE FURTHER ONE TRAVELS.
TAILS' BI-PLANE SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM BRIDGING THE GAP...
...BUT THE REST OF US WILL HAVE TO RELY ON A MORE CONVENTIONAL MODE OF CONVEYANCE TO TO TAKE US TO THE TUNNEL'S END! AND...
...HERE WE ARE!
LIKE, WOW!
Oh MY STARS!


FREEDOM FIGHTERS, BEHOLD...
...THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS!
TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE!
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Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
LAND FALL
JUST THE FATHER FIGURE I'M LOOKING FOR!
MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT'S UP!
KNUCKLES!
I WAS ABOUT TO GO SEARCHING FOR YOU!
YOU'VE BECOME SUCH A MOTHER HEN, LOCKE!
I TOLD YOU THE LAD WAS ALL RIGHT!
YEAH! BUT NOT EVERYONE ELSE WAS!
I THOUGHT THE MISSION OF THIS PLACE WAS TO PROTECT THE FLOATING ISLAND!
THUNDERHAWK WAS ON DUTY IN THE COMMAND CENTER--
"-- SO IT'S A GOOD BET HE'LL HAVE SOME ANSWERS!"
THANKS TO THAT FOOL, HUNTER[1], AND US NOT RESTORING THE FAIL-SAFES QUICK ENOUGH--

--OBVIOUSLY RESULTED IN US BEING SUSCEPTIBLE TO ATTACK!
HOLD ON! IT'S THE CONSTABLE!
REMINGTON TO GUARDIANS--
--WE'RE STILL PIECING TOGETHER THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS![2]
WE DID, HOWEVER, OBTAIN VIDEO IMAGES WHICH I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL FIND INTERESTING!
APPARENTLY THIS SEEMS TO BE THE FIELD COMMANDER OF THE ATTACK FORCE!
ODD-LOOKING DUCK, TO SAY THE LEAST!
I'D SWEAR THAT'S ROBOTNIK!
BUT HE SEEMS SO DIFFERENT!
IF IT IS HIM--
--THAT WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT!
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN AFTER THE CHAOS EMERALD!
UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S ALL THE VIDEO WE HAVE!
THE WAY I SEE IT, WE HAVE TWO CHOICES--
ONE--WE WORK TO RESTORE THE ISLAND THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE THIS DISASTER--



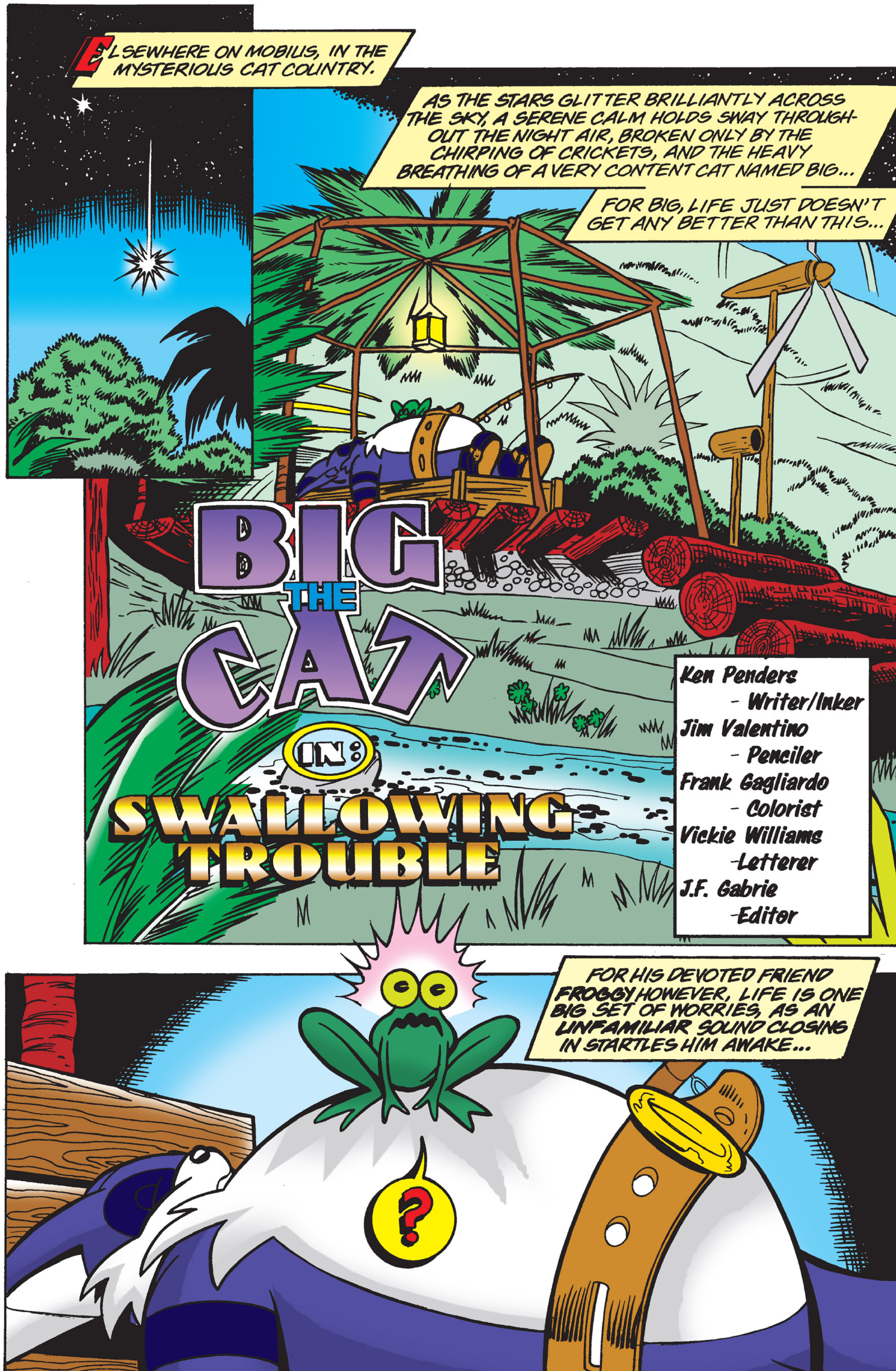
--OR TWO--WE GO AFTER THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT!
EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER? THAT'S SOME CHOICE!
ACTIVATE LONG DISTANCE CAM! SEE IF WE CAN STILL GET A PICTURE.
WE'RE IN LUCK!
AND HE'S HEADING TOWARDS THE MAINLAND!
WHAT'S EVEN MORE INTERESTING IS THE AREA ITSELF--
--THE MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY!
--SINCE THE BLAST SPREAD EMERALD PIECES ALL OVER THAT AREA!
WE JUST WENT FROM THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE!
WE COULD'VE AVOIDED ALL THIS, Y'KNOW!
IF YOU GUYS HAD ONLY HELPED PRINCESS SALLY WHEN SHE CAME TO US[3], WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS!
THAT'S ENOUGH, KNUCKLES!
I'M STILL YOUR FATHER, AND I WILL NOT HAVE YOU ADDRESSING YOUR ELDERS IN THAT TONE OF VOICE!
WHATEVER YOU MAY THINK OF OUR DECISION--


--THE GREATER GOOD IS ALWAYS OUR UTMOST CONCERN!
WAS IT IN THIS CASE, LOCKE?
LOOK AROUND YOU!
BASED ON ALL PREVIOUS DATA, SPECTRE, OUR DECISION WAS THE CORRECT ONE!
IF WE ARE DEALING WITH ROBOTNIK--
--WHATEVER REASONS PREVENTED HIM FROM TAKING SIMILAR ACTION PRIOR TO THIS ARE NO LONGER VALID!
WHO CARES WHY?
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME--
--I'M GOING AFTER ROBOTNIK AND SEE IF HE CAN'T PUT ALL THE PIECES BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!
"THIS IS BAD! REAL BAD!"
MY HOMIES ARE SURE QUICK ON THE PICK-UP, MIGHTY!
NO SIGN OF KNUCKLES ANYWHERE!
AND THE CHAOS CHAMBER-- IT'S--
IT'S SURE SERIOUS BUSINESS!
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SWEAR MY FORMER COMRADES[4] WERE INVOLVED SOMEHOW!

IF IT WASN'T THEM, THEN WHO?
IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE SOMEONE FROM OFF- ISLAND ENGINEERED THIS!
I DOUBT EVEN THE DARK LEGION WOULD HAVE DONE THIS!
WHATEVER YOU MAY THINK, EVEN THEY AREN'T SUICIDAL!
AAARGH!
HEADS UP!!
THAT SOUNDED LIKE ESPIO!
IT SOUNDED LIKE HIS VOICE CAME FROM SOMEWHERE NEAR THE EDGE!
NOT EDGE--THE BEACH!!
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!!
I'VE NEVER BEFORE SEEN ANYTHING LIKE 'EM!
WHAT?!!
THE SHORELINE NEXT TO THE ISLAND?--

" --OR THOSE WICKED-LOOKIN' CATS ?!! "
HEY, GUYS--
--MEET OUR NEW "NEIGHBORS!"
THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES...IN THE PAGES OF SONIC #81. BE HERE! ALOHA! AND SOON... SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13 SONIC ADVENTURE OF THE OFFICIAL SEGA DREAMCAST ADAPTATION!


ELSEWHERE ON MOBIUS, IN THE MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY.
AS THE STARS GLITTER BRILLIANTLY ACROSS THE SKY, A SERENE CALM HOLDS SWAY THROUGH-OUT THE NIGHT AIR, BROKEN ONLY BY THE CHIRPING OF CRICKETS, AND THE HEAVY BREATHING OF A VERY CONTENT CAT NAMED BIG...
FOR BIG, LIFE JUST DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS...
BIG THE CAT
IN:
SWALLOWING TROUBLE
Ken Penders - Writer/Inker
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FOR HIS DEVOTED FRIEND FROGGY HOWEVER, LIFE IS ONE BIG SET OF WORRIES, AS AN UNFAMILIAR SOUND CLOSING IN STARTLES HIM AWAKE...
?


I HEAR SOMETHING COMING, BUT I DON'T SEE IT!
ZZZZZZZZZZ
AND WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT?
BIG IS SO OUT OF IT, HE COULD PROBABLY SLEEP THROUGH ANYTHING!
HUH?!
THE SKY IS RAINING-- GARBAGE?!![1]
THUMP!
I'M OUTTA HERE!
IF I JUMP TOWARD THAT MOVING PUDDLE OF WATER--[2]
--DID I JUST SAY "MOVING?" GOTTA' CHECK IT OUT!


HHH...
WHAT?
HELLO? FROGGY?
ALL OF A SUDDEN--
I'M SO THIRSTY.
RHIPPIT!
GULP!
URP!
FROGGY, IS THAT YOU?
YOU'RE LOOKIN' KINDA WEIRD, GOOD BUDDY?
WHAT'S UP WITH THE TAIL!?!


COME BACK HERE. WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT. WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS... FOR YEARS.
?
URRP!!
YEAH, I HEAR IT, TOO!
BREEP BREEP BREEP
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT, FROGGY!
HOWDY, STRANGER!
JUST PASSING THROUGH?
BRIIP-BRIIP!
BREEP BREEP BREEP
WAAUGHH!
FROGGY!


HOLD ON, L'IL FELLER!
WHOOPS!
ZZZAAT!
WOOP!
GROKGROKGROK
OOOHH--
--MY ACHIN' TAILBONE!
WHUUMP!
NOW, SIR, YOU'LL RELEASE FROGGY OR I'LL-- OOOWWW!
CLANG!
YEE-OWW!
THAT REALLY HURT!
WHY'D YOU GO AND DO THAT FOR?
ZAAT!
ZZAT!
ZZAT!


WHUMP-WHUMP-WHUMP-
KRAASH
NO FAIR HITTING A CAT WHEN HE ISN'T LOOKING!
HEY!!
NO, HOLD ON THERE!
GIVE ME MY FRIEND BACK! I'M BEGGIN' YA PLEASE!
NO ONE TAKES MY BUDDY IF THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM!
SINCE THAT BUCKET OF BOLTS PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW ANY BETTER--
--I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO SHOW HIM WHAT'S WHAT!
NEXT: Amy Rose